THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The gap between the rich and the poor in the country measured in terms of ratio of per capita consumption of richest 30 per cent and poorest 30 per cent of the population, according to the National Sample Survey (NSS) data on Household Consumer Expenditure, (of two latest periods), is observed to decline from 3.55 in 1987-88 to 3.43 in 1993-94. Separate information for Calcutta is not available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The estimates of income are not available. The per captita consumption expenditure of the people living below the poverty line (35.97% of the total population), according to NSS data of 50th round is estimated as Rs. 172 per month in 1993-94.

(d) There is a three-pronged attack on poverty, i.e. (i) acceleration of economic growth, (ii) human and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker sections of the society, etc., and (iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and asset-building for the poor. The main among these programmes are the Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, Nehru Rozgar Yojana and Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for the Educated Unemployed Youth. A Basic Minimum Services Programme has also been launched last year.

**गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे जीवन-यापन करने वाले व्यक्तियों के आंकड़े**

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(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 8 दिसम्बर, 1996 के "टाइम्स ऑफ इण्डिया" में "न्यू मैथडोलॉजी डबल्स पावर्टी फिगर" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने उन व्यक्तियों को, जो ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 228 रुपये प्रतिमाह और शहरी क्षेत्रों में 264 रुपये प्रति-माह प्राप्त कर रहे हैं; वर्ष 1992-93 के मूल्यों के आधार पर गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे जीवन-यापन करने वाले व्यक्ति मानने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का मापदंड क्या है; और

(घ) नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के प्रारंभ में गरीबी की रेखा से नीचे जीवन-यापन करने वाले व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी होने का अनुमान है?

**योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्र (श्री योगेन्द्र भगतराम अलघ):** (क) जी, हां.

(ख) और (ग) 1973-74 की कीमतों पर ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 49.09 रुपये और शहरी क्षेत्रों में 56.64 रुपये के मासिक प्रतिव्यक्ति उपभोग व्यय के रुप में अभिव्यक्त कृतिक बल गरीबी रेखा को 1993-94 की कीमतों के आधार पर क्रमशः 229.14 रुपये और 264.38 रुपये तक अद्यतन किया गया है यद्यपि हाल ही में अपनाई गई सरकारी पद्धति, जो विशेषज्ञ दल की रिपोर्ट पर आधारित है, का पालन करते हुए गरीबी रेखाओं को राज्य-स्तर पर संगठित किया जाता है.

(घ) योजना आयोग उपभोक्ता व्यय पर पंचवार्षिक राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण (एनएसएस) के आंकड़ों का उपयोग करते हुए गरीबी के मामलों का अनुमान लगाता है. गरीबी के नवीनतम अनुमान 1993-94 वर्ष के लिए उपलब्ध है जो राष्ट्रीय नमूना सर्वेक्षण उपभोक्ता व्यय सर्वेक्षण के 50वें दौर पर आधारित है हाल ही में अपनाई गई सरकारी पद्धति, जो गरीबों के अनुपात और संख्या के अनुमान पर विशेषज्ञ दल की रिपोर्ट पर आधारित है, का पालन करते हुए 1934-94 में गरीबी के 35.97 प्रतिशत होने का अनुमान है.

**Release of MPLADS funds**

2011. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme for 1996-97 have been released in respect of all the MPs;

(b) if so, when;

(c) whether Government have caused any probe into the bottlenecks in the release of funds and implementation of projects under the scheme;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether there has been marked delay in the release of funds and implementation of projects under the Scheme, especially in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINSITRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The release of funds under Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for the year 1996-97 started in July, 1996. As on date, the funds in respect of the sitting Members of Parliament of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha (except 12 Rajya Sabha Members and one nominated Lok Sabha Member in respect of whom the district options are awaited), have been released.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. However, quidelines for MPLADS funds have been revised very recently.

(e) If is too early to assess the impact of the revised guidelines.

**Central assistance to Rajasthan and Orissa for employment opportunities**

2012. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of Central assistance provided to Rajasthan and Orissa so far during 1996-97, as compared to 1995-96, under the programmes for augmenting employment opportunities and eradication of poverty, State-wise; and

(b) the details of achievements made in this regard, State-wise, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The total amount of Central Assistance provided for the Annual Plan 1996-97 of Rajasthan was Rs. 581.43 crore, including Rs. 87.63 crore for Basic Minimum Services (BMS) and Rs. 470.75 crore for Annual Plan 1995-96. The total amount of Central Assistance provided for the Annual Plan 1996-97 of Orissa was Rs. 520.10 crore including Rs. 79.26 crore for BMS and Rs. 4.50 crore for slum development, as compared to Rs. 413.26 crore for Annual Plan 1995-96. The Central Assistance to the State Plans is in the form of bloc grants and loans and are utilised by the States for various development programmes including programmes for augmenting employment opportunities and eradication of poverty.

**Schemes for weaker sections in Karnataka**

2013. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being run for the weaker sections in Karnataka;

(b) what is the scheme-wise progress made so far; and

(c) the details of allocation of funds, scheme-wise, during 1995-96, and in 1996-97 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) A Statement (Part I, II & III) is laid on the Table of the House.